

### Modern Problems Analyzed

*For the Good of All.* By Gilbert M. Tucker. New York: Fleming H. Revell Co., 128 pp., \$1.50.

RARELY DOES one pick up a book dealing with the economic and political situation that is as forthright in its treatment of basic causes as this one. Here is a brief but comprehensive and clear-cut analysis of modern problems.

Basing his findings on an intelligent appreciation of natural law, Mr. Tucker indicates how our complex situation can be cured by a return to the fundamental principles of economy and government.

Beginning with natural law and the fact of a moral universe, the discussion goes into a treatise on ideals in government and puts its finger on a basic cause of many human ills which the author believes to be the private ownership of land. After giving a brief account of the philosophy of Henry George, the book goes on to outline the benefits that would accrue if the suggestions presented by that great American were adopted.

Compared with most of the studies which deal with current issues, this one is like a breath of fresh air. Here is a writer who has found his way and who has arrived at a solution. Not only does he indicate the answer to the riddle of our national economy, but he lays down certain principles for the conduct of international trade that will eventuate in permanent peace.

A book by Gilbert Tucker is always fresh, pungent and spiced with humor and brilliant witticisms. This one, his newest work, is written for men who believe in a moral universe and who want guidance in ascertaining how sound ethical principles can be applied to the institutions of a modern industrial society.

Though this book is full of suggestive material for the confirmed Georgist, it might prove a source of irritation to one who has never sufficiently penetrated the heart of that doctrine to be convinced of its validity. There are, nevertheless, many reasonable and self-sufficient statements on every page that will challenge the conventionally minded economist into doubting the accuracy of his own convictions and urge him to investigate more fully this avenue of interpretation.

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